

David Sterrett House  
State Game Lands Plot #169  
Newville Vicinity  
Upper Mifflin Township  
Cumberland County  
Pennsylvania

HABS No. PA-5354

PHOTOGRAPHS

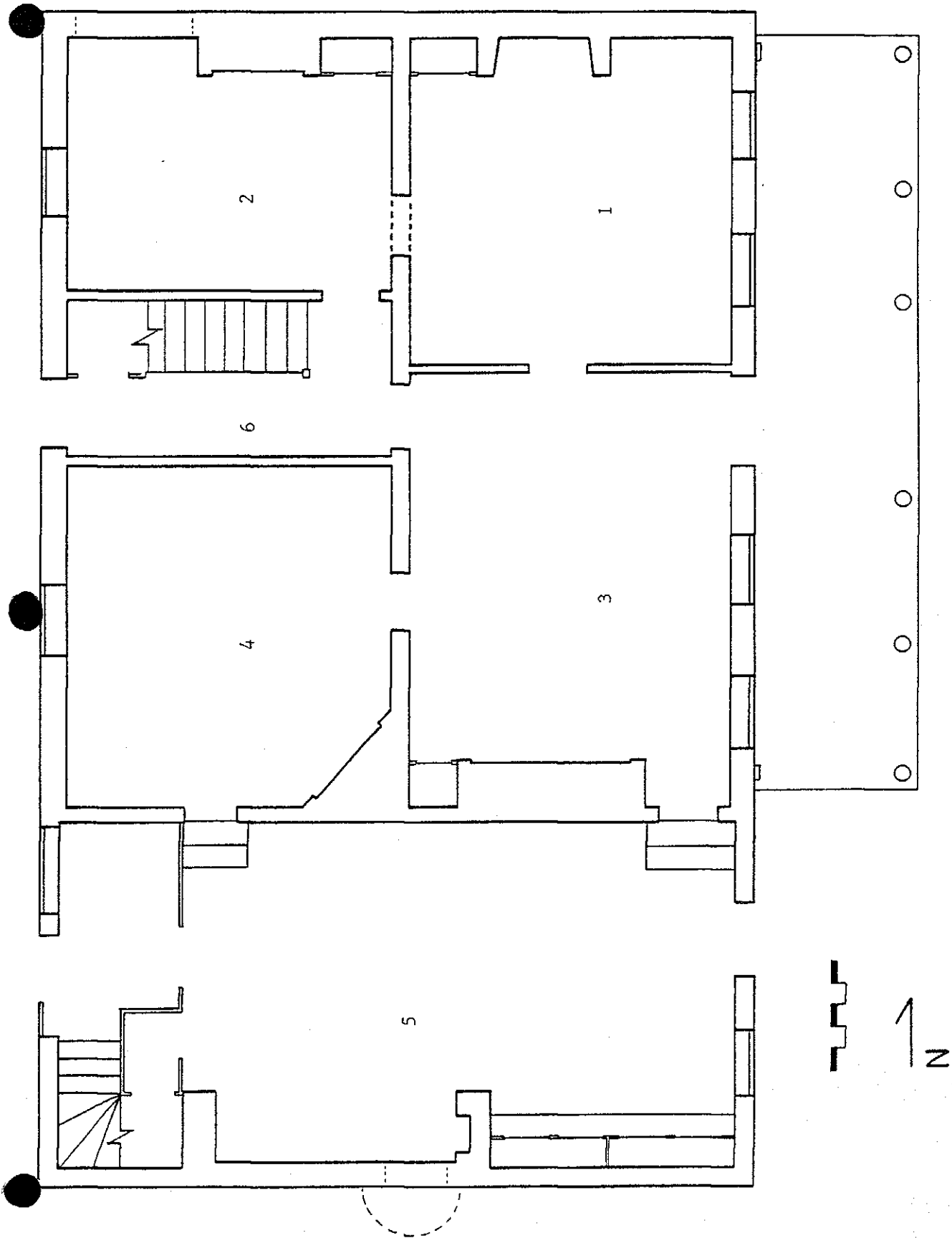
WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Pennsylvania	COUNTY Cumberland	TOWN OR VICINITY Newville Vicinity Upper Mifflin Township
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) David Sterrett House (National Register; builder/client)		HABS NO. PA-5354
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) State Games Lands Plot #169		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1789-1791 (tax lists; National Register) listed 1798 Direct Tax	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) The Sterrett House is one of the oldest extant brick dwellings in rural Cumberland County. Commissioned by Sterrett, ca. 1789, the house still exhibits much of its original finish including an upward folding partition between the upstairs front chambers.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) late Georgian/early Federal		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick (flemish bond front with common bond secondary elevations including north gable with glazed header banding; also, brick load-bearing partitons). Frame flooring and common rafter roof frame.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) See attached plan. Note half-passage plan with original gable end service wing containing upstairs servants quarters.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Flemish bond front elevation with molded brick watertable for main block dropping down to corbeled watertable for service wing; four course recessed middle two courses belt course. Bake oven attached to exterior of service gable removed. Later tetra-style porch. Gable roof with boxed cornice with ogee bed moldings.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Hall: molded surround with panled chimney cupboard. Parlor: raised panel overmantel with molded surround and dentil cornice, display cupboard with moorish arch profile shelving. Front chamber: raised panel partition hung on wrought strap hinges for folding up flush to ceiling. Passage: turned		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES baluster, closed-string with molded chairrail. Interior of service wing remodeled second quarter 19th century (ca. 1830-35) with installation of chimney doors, refinishing of loft quarters, and construction of post-and-plank summer kitchen. Porch added or enlarged mid to late 19th century.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Vacant; owned by Pennsylvania Game Commission with possibility of demolition.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE See attached information.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) National Register of Historic Places. Pennsylvania Office of Historic Preservation survey files: Nancy van Dolson, surveyor.		
COMPILER, AFFILIATION Bernard Herman, center for Historic Architecture and Engineering, University of Delaware		DATE 4/14/86



Sterrett House, Newville Vicinity, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania - ca. 1790. First floor plan

Key: 1 parlor 3 hall 5 kitchen  
2 back parlor 4 dining room 6 stair hall